IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH AT HYDERABAD

HON'BLE Mr. JUSTICE R. SUBHASH REDDY

Writ Petition No.23082 of 2007

Dated: November 30, 2007

Between:

Pattam Raju, S/o. Meenaiah, aged 33 years,
Occ: Business, R/o. D.P.o. Complex,
Collectorate Road, Karimnagar District.

… Petitioner

And

The Government of Andhra Pradesh, rep. by
Principal Secretary, Home, Secretariat Building,
Hyderabad, and another.

… Respondents

Order:

Petitioner, by this writ petition, questions the seizure of Rs.30,550 /- by the respondents from him and seeks a consequential direction holding that he is entitled for refund of the said amount.

2. A raid was conducted in the office of the Road Transport Authority at Karimnagar on 16-06-2004. During the said raid, the officials of the second respondent have seized certain amounts from

third parties and alleged that those persons, acting as agents, have collected money on behalf of the officials. It is stated that petitioner is one of the agents from whom an amount of Rs.30,550/- was seized on the aforesaid date.

3. It is the case of the petitioner that on 16-06-2004, he went to the office of the R.T.O., to get the hypothecation cancelled with regard to lorry bearing No.AP-15-V-1480, of one N. Varalakshmi,
W/o. Satyanarayan Reddy. It is stated that he is not an agent of anybody and the money seized from him belongs to him and it was illegally seized by the respondents.

4. Mr. V. Ravikiran Rao, learned counsel for the second respondent submits that no criminal proceedings were initiated and only departmental proceedings were initiated against some officials.

5. Though petitioner claims that the amount of Rs.30,550/- seized from him by the officials of the second respondent belongs to him, however, it appears that he did not make any representation in this regard.

6. As much as it is stated that no criminal proceedings have been initiated, I dispose of the writ petition permitting the petitioner to make a representation to the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau or to the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Karimnagar seeking return of the amount seized from him. If any such representation is filed, the said authorities shall consider the claim of the petitioner, pass appropriate orders and communicate the same to the petitioner. No order as to costs.

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JUSTICE R. SUBHASH REDDY.

November 30, 2007
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